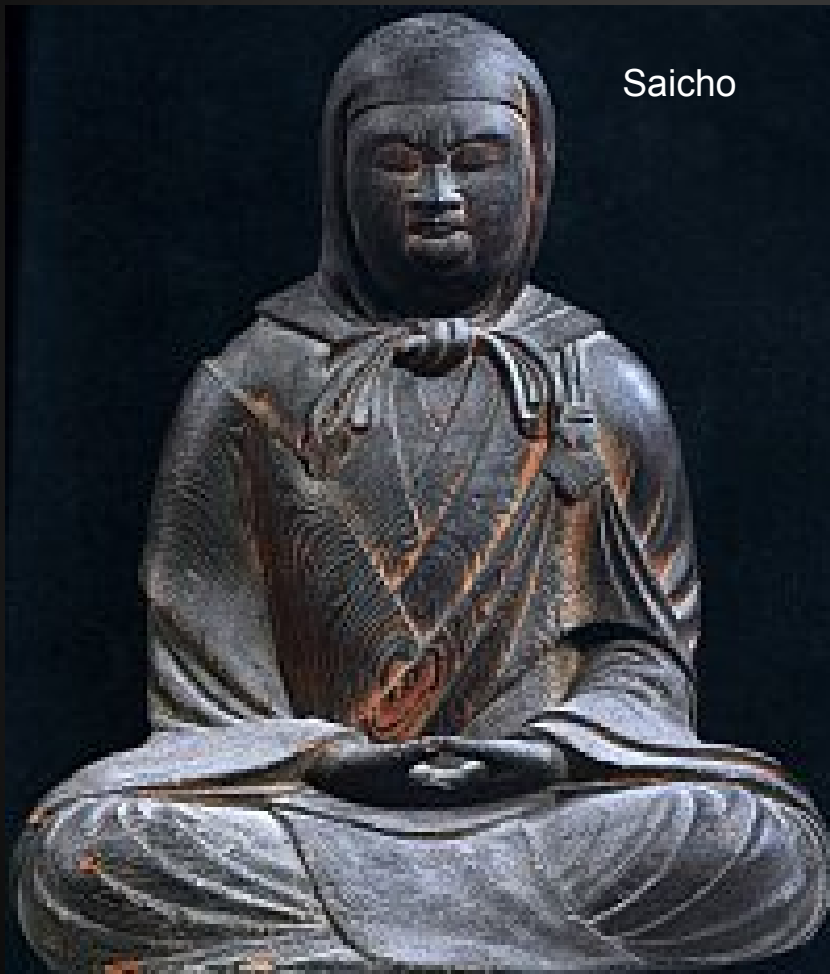


Tendai

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The origin



Saicho

Tendai buddhism is Japanese school of Mahayana Buddhism, which originally emerged from Lotus Sutra School, also known as the Chinese Tianta. Tendai was brought to Japan in 805 Saicho, who built a temple in Mt. Hiei. This temple became the born land of Tendai

Enryaku-ji



Enryaku-ji is the first Tendai Temple, founded by Saicho. This temple is significant because it became the root of other schools of Buddhism.

Development of Tendai



The imperial family and many nobilities supported Tendai, But the Fujiwara clan took their step to advance Tendai's belief to become the main form of Buddhism in Japan. The involvement of high class aided Tendai to overpower other schools of Buddhism.

<http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/File:Fujiwara-Fuhito.jpg>

The Main Symbols...



This is the Amida Buddha. He renounced his kingship to become a monk, naming himself Dharmakara. He attained supreme enlightenment and his paradise known as the "Pure Land" was established. It is also known as the Sukhavati. Sukhavati is a place of rebirth. He is one of the five wisdom Buddhas.

Main Symbols...



The picture on the left is a statue of Buddha praying with a lotus in his hand symbolizing the lotus sutra. It is the most revered sutra that was promoted by Chih-i who was the founder of Mahayana Buddhism—known as Tendai in Japan. It speaks about how all beings have the potential to awaken and enlighten themselves, like how a lotus rises out of the mud.

The difference between Shingon school and Tendai

Shingon



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Tendai and Shingon both rose in the Heian period (794-1185). However, Shingon became more esoteric than Tendai. Overall, even though they have the similar origin, their fundamentals and essence differ from each other in terms of expression and practice.

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Doctrines & Beliefs...



The practice of Tendai Buddhism focuses on the Lotus Sutra. It is the most revered sutra for a reason. It is a complete teaching of the Buddha and teaches the ways to salvation. Everyone has the capability to reach enlightenment and be reborn into the Sukhavati.

Tendai Buddhism also believes that our world is an expression of Dharma. In order for salvation, there are three steps: Srakakyena (way of the disciples), Pratyeka-Buddhayana (the way of those who seek salvation), and Bodhisatavanaya (the way of the bodhisattvas).

Doctrines & Beliefs...



Tendai Buddhism is a relatively collective sect of Buddhism as it includes the teachings of other Buddhist traditions like Shingon, Vinaya, and Zen. It even includes the teachings of Shinto, Japan's native religion, but the main focus is still on the lotus sutra. Today, Tendai Buddhism has an immense amount of followers because of its open and universal approach all over the world.

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